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Santa Cruz, California 95060



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

February 22, 2023

4:00 P.M. GENERAL BUSINESS AND MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST, ZOOM

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NOTE: Four or more Councilmembers may be present at this meeting.

Public Safety Committee (PSC)

4:00 PM

Call to Order

Roll Call

Oral Communications

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the September 26, 2022 Public Safety Regular Meeting
Motion to approve as submitted.
2. Minutes of the November 30, 2022 Public Safety Special Meeting
Motion to approve as submitted.

General Business

3. Annual Fire Emergency Services Report 2022
Receive the department's annual fire emergency services report and provide direction as needed.
4. Summary Report - Use of Force, Citizen Complaints, and Staffing (Sep-Dec 2022)
Receive the department's summary report and provide direction as needed.
5. Annual Crime Report 2022
Receive the department's annual summary report and provide direction as needed.

Information Items

Adjournment

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**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING
September 26, 2022**

4:00 PM

Call to Order: Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. via Zoom.

Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Golder (via Zoom), Cummings (via Zoom); Chair Watkins (via Zoom).

Absent: None.

Staff: Chief of Police B. Escalante, Fire Chief R. Oatey, and Principal Management Analyst E. Nguyen.

Oral Communications

Chair Watkins opened Oral Communications for members of the public who wished to speak regarding items not listed on the Public Safety Committee agenda. The following members of the public spoke:

None.

At 4:04 p.m. Chair Watkins closed Oral Communications.

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the March 23, 2022 Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Golder moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve the minutes, as submitted.

ACTION: The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Golder, Cummings; Chair Watkins.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

DISQUALIFIED: None.

General Business

2. Summary Report - Use of Force, Citizen Complaints, and Staffing (Jan-Sep 2022)

Chief of Police B. Escalante presented a department summary report outlining data on use of force, citizen complaints, and staffing.

B. Escalante responded to Commissioner comments and questions.

Chair Watkins opened the item for the public comment period at 4:32 p.m. The following members of the public spoke:

None.

At 4:32 p.m. Chair Watkins closed the public comment period.

3. Future Meeting Dates

E. Nguyen presented a list of recommended meeting dates and responded to Commissioner questions.

Commissioner Golder, Cummings, and Chair Watkins commented.

B. Escalante commented.

R. Oatey commented.

Commissioners agreed to update the meetings to January, March, May, August, and October with an option to request for special meetings.

Commissioner Cummings requested to schedule for a special meeting.

Chair Watkins opened the item for the public comment period at 4:51 p.m. The following members of the public spoke:

None.

At 4:51 p.m. Chair Watkins closed the public comment period.

Commissioners agreed to have a special meeting on November 30, 2022.

Information Items - None.

Adjournment - The Public Safety Committee adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
November 30, 2022**

4:00 PM

Call to Order: Commissioner Golder called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. via Zoom.

Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Golder (via Zoom), Cummings (via Zoom); Chair Watkins (arrived at 4:10 p.m. via Zoom).

Absent: None.

Staff: Chief of Police B. Escalante, Fire Chief R. Oatey, and Principal Management Analyst E. Nguyen.

Oral Communications

Commissioner Golder opened Oral Communications for members of the public who wished to speak regarding items not listed on the Public Safety Committee agenda. The following members of the public spoke:

None.

At 4:10 p.m. Commissioner Golder closed Oral Communications.

General Business

1. Public Safety Committee (PSC) Work Plan

E. Nguyen presented a summary report outlining Public Safety Committee's (PSC) latest work plan for discussion and responded to Commissioner comments and questions.

B. Escalante commented.

Commissioner Cummings, Golder, and Chair Watkins commented.

B. Escalante responded to Commissioner comments and questions.

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R. Oatey commented.

Chair Watkins requested for staff find out the process of redefining PSC.

Commissioner Cummings suggested to align the role of PSC with the Citywide strategic goals.

B. Escalante responded to Commissioner comments.

Chair Watkins opened the item for the public comment period at 4:48 p.m. The following members of the public spoke:

None.

At 4:48 p.m. Chair Watkins closed the public comment period.

No action taken.

Information Items - None.

Adjournment - The Public Safety Committee adjourned at 5:02 p.m.



Public Safety Committee AGENDA REPORT

DATE: 02/15/2023

AGENDA OF: 02/22/2023

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department (FD)

SUBJECT: Annual Fire Emergency Services Report 2022

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the department's annual fire emergency services report and provide direction as needed.

BACKGROUND: The Santa Cruz Fire Department (SCFD) is presenting an annual summary report on fire emergency services compared with activity over the same time from the previous year.

DISCUSSION: Details are outlined in the attachments (Monthly Prevention Activities and Year-End Report).

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

Prepared By:
Rob Oatey
Fire Chief

Submitted By:
Emeline Nguyen
Principal Management
Analyst

Approved By:
Rob Oatey
Fire Chief

ATTACHMENTS:

1. MONTHLY PREVENTION ACTIVITIES.DOCX
2. YEAR-END REPORT.DOCX

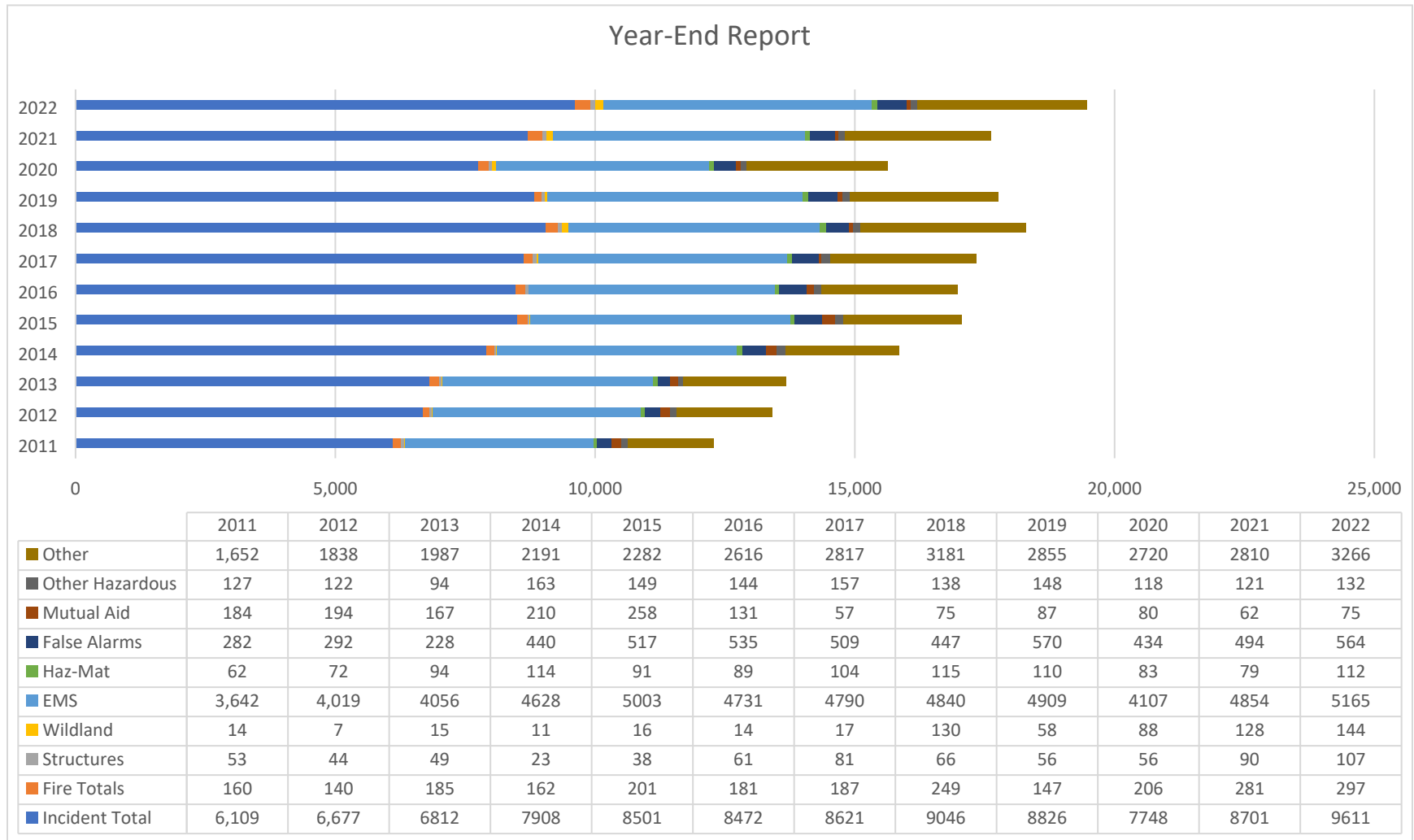
**SANTA CRUZ FIRE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY PREVENTION ACTIVITIES**

Activity	2021	2022
Construction Inspections <i>(Includes building and fire permit inspections)</i>	313	256
Fire and Life Safety Inspections		
<i>Apartments</i>	154	131
<i>Assemblies</i>	170	Did not occur this year
<i>Cannabis</i>		14
<i>Hotels</i>	30	43
<i>Hazard Occupancies</i>	23	91 In addition to State mandates insp., this year's focus was Hazard & Storage
<i>Institutional/Residential Care</i>	9	7
<i>Mercantile</i>	78	18
<i>Schools</i>	12	20
<i>Outdoor Dining Expansion Inspections</i>	125 Est. based on the # of businesses that require insp.	Did not occur this year
<i>Other</i>	61	11
TOTAL	662 Last year was 174 (almost tripled #)	335
Complaint Inspections <i>(Includes engine company insp., code enforcement, fire safety notices, weed complaints)</i>	195	135
Open Space Inspections <i>(Includes Pogonip, Benchlands, other open space life safety insp.)</i>	213	105
Fire Investigation Calls <i>(Includes all fire investigation contacts, fire investigations, fire reports)</i>	98	49
Consultations <i>(Includes office, onsite, and phone consults)</i>	219	162
Plan and Project Reviews <i>(Includes dept. plan reviews and outside plan checker)</i>	855 Almost doubled this year (due to WUI & residential solar)	904

Special Event Reviews and Inspections <i>(Includes Fire Dept. special event permits and City special events)</i>	10	35
Annual Weed Abatement Inspections <i>(Vacant lot inspections)</i>	70	65

Fires	2021	2022
100 – Fire, other	22	23
111 – Building fire	30	42
112 – Fires in structure other than in a building	4	8
113 – Cooking fire, confined to container	18	36
114 – Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1	
116 – Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1	
118 – Trash or rubbish fire, contained	37	36
121 – Fire in mobile home used as fixed residence	1	2
122 – Fire in motor home, camper, recreational vehicle	2	1
123 – Fire in portable building, fixed location	1	
130 – Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other		3
131 – Passenger vehicle fire	20	17
132 – Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	
134 – Water vehicle fire	1	1
138 – Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1	
140 – Natural vegetation fire, other	11	14
141 – Forest, woods or wildland fire	17	22
142 – Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	18	10
143 – Grass fire	6	12
150 – Outside rubbish fire, other	28	15
151 – Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	39	41
154 – Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	9	10
160 – Special outside fire, other	18	20
162 – Outside equipment fire		3
561 – Warming/Outdoor cooking fires	46	50
<i>Total Open Space Fires</i>	192	194
TOTAL	332	366

SANTA CRUZ FIRE DEPARTMENT YEAR-END REPORT





Public Safety Committee AGENDA REPORT

DATE: 02/15/2023

AGENDA OF: 02/22/2023

DEPARTMENT: Police Department (PD)

SUBJECT: Summary Report - Use of Force, Citizen Complaints, and Staffing (Sep-Dec 2022)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the department's summary report and provide direction as neweded.

BACKGROUND: The Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) is presenting a summary report on the use of force, citizen complaints, and overall staffing update from September 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 compared with activity over the same time from the last three years.

DISCUSSION: Details are outlined in the attachment (Summary Report).

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

Prepared By:
Catherine Brothers
Principal Management
Analyst

Submitted By:
Emeline Nguyen
Principal Management
Analyst

Approved By:
Bernie Escalante
Chief of Police

ATTACHMENTS:
1. SUMMARY REPORT.DOCX

Santa Cruz Police Department

Activity Report for Public Safety Committee

January - December 2022

Work Volume

Indicators	2019	2020	2021	2022
Calls for Service	96,576	93,623	88,822	82,248
Arrests	4,121	3,395	3,188	2,927
Citations (All)	5,772	3,608	3,102	3,051
Traffic Citations	2,070	1,483	1,544	1,881
Reports Written	15,067	22,406	23,360	22,028

Part 1 Crimes

Crime Type	2019	2020	2021	2022
Homicide	0	3	3	1
Rape	29	33	26	38
Robbery	88	76	102	122
Aggravated Assault	272	198	282	286
Burglary	348	267	246	253
Larceny	2,363	1,734	1,615	1781
Auto Theft	221	236	209	191
Arson	34	45	38	41

Nuisance Crime Arrests and Citations

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022
Drug Abuse Violations	1,526	1,769	1,556	1262
Intoxication	951	512	382	124
Vandalism	538	488	479	486
Aggressive Solicitation	6	7	2	-
Bike Theft (Reflected in Larceny Numbers)	198	182	143	236
Illegal Camping Citations	-	-	2	-
Trespassing Citations	919	552	112	241
Conduct on Public Property Citations	338	318	86	4
Park After Hour Violations	23	90	128	2

Injuring Use of Force

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022
OC Spray	0	0	0	0
Taser	12	5	10	12
Baton	0	0	1	0
Canine	0	0	0	0
Carotid Control Hold	0	0	0	0
Firearm	0	0	0	0
Physical	11	1	22	6
Kinetic Energy Projectile	1	2	0	0

Resisting Arrest

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022
Resisting Arrest	182	153	122	170

Recruitment Update

Recruitment of new officers continues to be one of the greatest challenges police departments face today. Santa Cruz Police Department is no exception, with our many upcoming retirements and recruitment challenges in a competitive job market. Our recruitment team is focused on developing targeted advertising, attending recruitment events, as well as recruiting lateral and academy candidates. The table below shows the status of our sworn staff, including vacancies, training, leave, and overall totals.

Budgeted Sworn	Sworn Vacancies	Field Training	Police Academy	Injured/On Leave	Total Sworn
94	12	5	7	9	82

Complaints

The Santa Cruz Police Department takes seriously all complaints regarding the service provided by the Department and the conduct of its members.

Formal Investigation- A matter in which a supervisor determines that further action is warranted. Such complaints may be investigated by a supervisor of rank greater than the accused member or referred to the Professional Standards Unit, depending on the seriousness and complexity of the investigation.

The Chief of Police is notified of all complaints and makes the determination if the complaint is to be handled as in Informal Inquiry or a Formal Complaint.

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022
Formal Investigation	11	13	14	19

BearCat Rescue Vehicle Use

Use of the BearCat, also known as armored recovery vehicle (ARV), is restricted to those situations when the utility and capability of the vehicle are necessary and when the capabilities of other department vehicles are insufficient for those situations as determined by the Chief of Police or department designee. This includes, but is not limited to public safety emergencies where life threatening conditions exist, the extraction of persons at risk, ballistic or projectile protection, high-risk vehicle stops, high-risk warrant service, active shooters, and unsecured crime scenes.

2022 BearCat (ARV) Usage

Date	Purpose	Case #	Synopsis
1/25/2022	Assist SVPD	N/A	CHP initiated a pursuit that entered into the city limits of Scotts Valley. During the pursuit, the fleeing vehicle discharged a firearm at least twice toward the pursuing officers. CHP terminated the pursuit. The suspect vehicle drove to a residence on Tabor Drive. The terrain placed officers at a tactical disadvantage and increased risk to officer safety. The ARV was requested to assist CHP in clearing the suspect car.
2/25/2022	Assist Salinas PD	N/A	The Salinas Police department requested any available officers to respond to their city. They had an officer who was shot, and the suspect was still outstanding. Based on this information, the ARV and available ESU officers were sent code 3 to assist.
4/12/2022	Warrant Service	22S-02124	Used to transport the ESU team to serve a search and arrest warrant pursuant to a murder investigation.
4/14/2022	Refueling	N/A	Refueling the ARV.
5/5/2022	Training	N/A	Demonstration for the Citizen's Police Academy.
5/12/2022	Assist SO	N/A	ARV was used during the execution of a search warrant. The subject listed in the warrant had multiple calls for service regarding the possession of/use of firearms at the residence. The subject was a prohibited person and of deteriorating mental health.
6/7/2022	Assist WPD	N/A	ARV was used to provide cover for patrol that was on scene in front of the primary location of a barricaded subject. Once Watsonville's tactical team (SRT) arrived on scene, the ARV was used for cover and approaching the primary residence and recovering firearms that were adjacent to the resident. The ARV was then positioned in front of the primary residence.
7/12/2022	Assist WPD	N/A	High-risk warrant service.
8/2/2022	Refueling	N/A	Refueling the ARV.

9/4/2022	Assist SO	N/A	The ARV was requested by Santa Cruz County Sheriff's SWAT team to facilitate the service of a high-risk search warrant.
9/6/22	Refueling	N/A	Refueling the ARV.
10/27/22	School Shooting Threat	22S-06181	ARV was used during a report of an active shooting on campus with "multiple gunshot victims." ARV responded to safely secure the scene and was available to provide cover and respond to victims.
11/16/22	Training	N/A	ARV orientation and training for new officers.
12/21/22	Refueling	N/A	Refueling the ARV.



Public Safety Committee AGENDA REPORT

DATE: 02/15/2023

AGENDA OF: 02/22/2023

DEPARTMENT: Police Department (PD)

SUBJECT: Annual Crime Report 2022

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the department's annual summary report and provide direction as needed.

BACKGROUND: The Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) is presenting an annual summary report on crime for 2022 compared with activity over the same time from the previous three years.

DISCUSSION: Details will be outlined in the PowerPoint presentation.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

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